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Filed: November 27, 2001	)	
For: PORTABLE TERMINAL AND	)	
HEALTH MANAGEMENT	)	
METHOD AND SYSTEM	)	
USING PORTABLE TERMINAL	)	June 22, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) China 1192703
- (2) Japan 2000-166881
- (3) WO 97/00704

Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated April 9, 2004, is enclosed, together with an English language

translation. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each of the documents in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. The concise explanation of relevance for documents (1) and (2) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English translation of the Chinese Office Action. See MPEP § 609.

English language abstracts for each of documents (1) and (2) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. An English translation of document (2) is also enclosed.

The patent family of document (1) includes multiple English documents. A representative one with an early filing date is cited as document (3) above.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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